

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

YONKERS.

The usual services will be held to-day in the several churches of the city. At the First Presbyterian Church the Rev. Dr. L. T. Chamberlain will preach for Dr. Pentecost; at the Westminster Presbyterian Church the Rev. Dr. David Cole, for more than thirty years pastor of the First Reformed Church, will preach morning and evening; at the Messiah Baptist Church, the Rev. A. M. Harrison of Kingsbridge, will officiate; at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Delos Lull will preach to the Masonic fraternity of the city at the evening service, and W. E. Stephens, of St. Louis, will be the speaker at the afternoon service of the Young Men's Christian Association.

At St. Andrew's Memorial Church this afternoon the United Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Westchester County will hold a conference. The afternoon session will begin at 4 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. James E. Freeman, rector of the church, Alexander M. Gadden, of New York City, and W. W. Lord of Mount Vernon, who will also speak. Dr. Charles De Lighfield, Pastoral president of the Cosmopolitan University and brother of Bishop Potter, will preach to the Brotherhood.

The Rev. Mr. Alvan S. Hobart, of the Warrenton Avenue Baptist Church, is considering a call from the trustees of the Grace Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, to become a teacher in the institution.

Miss Lucy Palmer entertained a number of friends on Friday night at her home, No. 127 Lincoln-st. There were games, dancing and refreshments.

The public drinking fountain in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, at South Broadway and Hudson-st., was put in operation yesterday for the summer.

Mrs. Palmer entertained the members of the Kendalworth Club on Friday evening at her home, in the Saw Mill River Valley. It was the last meeting of the year. Progressive euchre was played.

The fifteenth annual recital of the Yonkers College of Music will be held to-morrow evening at McCann's Hall, in North Broadway. Admission is 50¢ card.

WHITE PLAINS.

In the Supreme Court yesterday morning Justice J. O. Dykman granted a motion for a preliminary writ of mandamus, made on the affidavit of John M. Shim, an supervisor of the town of Pelham, and directed to Chauncey T. Secor, chairman; Edwin R. Hopkins, clerk, and the Board of Supervisors of the county of Westchester, requiring them to convene at the courthouse in this village and take such action as may be necessary to declare lost and rejected the resolution adopted by the Board on April 22, 1888, repealing the act passed by the Board on March 16, 1888, establishing the disputed boundary line between the towns of Pelham and New-Rochelle. The order is granted on the ground that the resolution repealing the act only received 16 affirmative votes. There are thirty-two members of the Board, and Section 7 of the county law provides that every act or resolution of the Board shall require for its passage a majority vote of the supervisors.

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MOUNT VERNON.

James Harvey Skidmore died on Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wesley D. Hawkins, No. 23 North Ninth-st. Mr. Skidmore was the son of Richard and Mary Skidmore, and was born at Balting Hollow, Long Island, ninety years ago. He was a brother of the late Joshua C. and Richard L. Skidmore, for many years drygoods merchants in Liberty-st., New-York.

The proposed appropriation \$25,000 for a new school building in the First Ward and \$25,000 for a new building in the Second Ward have both been adopted by the voters. The buildings are to be erected by the New Board of Education to be elected on June 1.

SING SING.

The meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian Church this evening will be led by Miss Ella Miller; Mrs. Winfield S. Smith will conduct the services of the Edward League at the Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Baptist Young People's Union meeting will be led by Leonard R. Kipp. The 4 o'clock service for men at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms will be addressed by Judge Miller. C. Palmer.

Warden Sage of the prison has stopped work on the Donjon, or retaining wall, which the State and county authorities are jointly erecting, there being some difficulty concerning the ownership of the land at the west end of the structure.

The Village Board of Trade on Friday evening met to consider the formation of a metal stamping and drawing company, which desires to start a manufacturer in the building formerly occupied by the Westchester Marble and Lime Works, south of the prison. The company expects to spend about \$10,000 in establishing a plant, and to make from the village free water and \$60 for lumber necessary to relay the floors in the building, the work to be done by the prison authority. The building having been taken over from the State for three years, the Board will give a decision this week, probably on Thursday evening.

TARRYTOWN.

The Astbury Methodist Episcopal Church is being remodelled, the work having been begun this week, and until it is completed the congregation will worship in the hall of the Young Men's Lyceum. The improvements will include a renovation of the interior, a central aisle, new oak pews, new ceiling and addition to the lecture-room. The church will be dedicated to the lecture-room.

The church authorities have agreed to contribute \$10,000 for the new organ, and the trustees will be responsible for the cost of the organ.

The Board of Trustees has served notice on the Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck Railroad that it must abide by its franchise, else have it auctioned. The railroad has been running on a two-minute headway, while the franchise calls for twenty minutes.

The Rev. James T. Gaskell, of Waterbury, Conn., has been appointed pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to succeed the Rev. G. W. Odwyer, resigned.

Miss Helen M. Gould has invited eighteen girls from the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New-York to the Foundling Home of New-York, will lecture in the Young Men's Lyceum on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Public Library.

Mrs. Jane Cooper, widow of T. C. Cooper, died last night at her home, 181 Franklin-st. She was the daughter of Stephen and Catherine Sarge, and was born in Westbow, Albany County, N.Y., eighty-two years ago. Her funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon, and the interment taking place at Pleasantview Cemetery.

MOUNT KISCO.

Arrangements are being made for a large parade here on Memorial Day. The Fire Department, veterans, school children and the different civic societies will take part.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics will attend services in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday.

The Sewer Commissioners have given the contract for constructing the waterworks to R. B. Lewis & Co., of Harkimer, N.Y.

KATONAH.

The New-York City authorities have issued orders to persons occupying houses on the condemned land at old Katonah to move out before June 15, and the officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church have received a similar order to vacate. The church authorities have not as yet received their award from the city, and are consequently in a predicament, as they do not know what sort of a building to erect in the new Katonah.

The annual meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church will be held on Wednesday evening. Two new trustees will be elected.

The annual strawberry festival of the Home Society will be held on Wednesday at South Saugerties.

NORTH TARRYTOWN.

The members of the Ben Franklin Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will attend the Itany service in St. Mark's Episcopal Church this evening.

The Rev. Dr. John G. Oakley will preach on "The Elements of Church Power" in St. Paul's Church to-day.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

A meeting of business men will be held in Lamb-Hall to-morrow night for the organization of the Board of Trade and the election of officers.

As a reception and entertainment on Friday night, the feature of the affair was an illustrated lecture by Mrs. James Gibson, Jr., on her recent visit to Palestine.

A WOMAN MURDERS HER TWO CHILDREN.

SHE HAD BEEN PRONOUNCED INSANE, BUT NEIGHBORS PREVENTED HER INCARCERATION.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 21.—Mrs. Lena Sperr, widow of John Sperr, who was fireman at Vassar College, and who died about a month ago, leaving a widow and two children, a son two years old and a daughter five months old, was to-day arrested on a charge of infanticide.

For some time prior to the death of her husband Mrs. Sperr had been acting strangely, and at the time of his death was becoming violent. The Odd Fellows' Lodge of which John Sperr had been a member named Mrs. Sperr to be examined by two physicians and sought to have her incarcerated in the insane asylum, but failed, although the physicians pronounced her insane.

At about 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Sperr murdered both of her children by decapitating them. The two infants were born in a crib in the kitchen. Mrs. Sperr took the children out of their beds, and laying them on the floor, cut off each of their heads with a keen knife. She was arrested, and is now in police custody, awaiting trial pending an examination. She will be sent to the New-York Asylum for Insane Criminals.

The failure of the attempt of the Odd Fellows to get her admitted to the insane asylum at the time of her husband's death was due to the interference of the neighbors.

FOUR MILLS TO SHUT DOWN.

SOME TO STOP WORK BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS—OTHERS WILL NOT LESSEN PRODUCTION.

Fall River, Mass., May 21.—More than a half-million spindles will be idle in this city next week, caused by the shutdown of the Merchants, Sagamore, No. 1, American Linen and the Fall River Iron Works mills. Managers who have been advocating a shutdown for some time are growing uneasy at the way the outlook in the print cloth market. The easy money market, while prevalent, is now a primary cause in keeping a number of manufacturers running.

Unless all New-England mills curtail production, and an increase in prices is not forthcoming, will not lessen the output in the summer months, as they harbor a hope that the general prosperity of the country will be reflected shortly in the price of good mill goods. Some mills are accepting limited contracts at fares netting little or no profit, but which enable them to meet the payroll.

Within the last year or more the mill managers have been giving voluntary reductions in economy through the force of necessity, and they say that it requires economy of the strictest sort to keep their employees at work under present conditions.

FIRE DESTROYS A WIDOW'S HOME.

Mrs. Anna Kervey and her three fatherless children, none of whom is over seven years old, were made homeless and completely destitute last night by a fire which entirely destroyed their flat and its contents on the top floor of No. 302 West Sixty-seventh-st. The mother supports her family by washing, and she was away at work when the fire started. Her husband was not at home, but a private family acquaintance, would not let him go to the scene of the fire, and found him mortally charred and lying dead near his neighbors, too them shelter for the night. The loss is about \$50.

WATER RIGHTS SECURED IN MAINE.

Livermore Falls, Me., May 21 (Special).—The International Paper Company of New-York has acquired the immense water privilege of the Androscoggin River here, and will develop it in the near future. The old water right, now in the hands of the privilege formerly owned by the Livermore Falls Paper Company, is being prepared for temporary use while the plans for the new plant are being perfected.

HOBOKEN'S HARD LUCK.

From the Jersey City Journal:

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